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NOTE: Hungarian national, resident in the US since 1952, who is a professional architectural designer.

1. Source befriended Victor I. Kopyrin during a chance meeting at Columbia University. Several social engagements followed. In sum, source comments on Kopyrin as follows:

- Kopyrin is a thoroughly disciplined and well indoctrinated Communist whose ideology appears invulnerable.
- He exhibited signs of friendship toward source, and attempted to persuade him to return to Hungary. He would, in no circumstance, admit to any favorable impression of the US or its political and economic systems.
- He commented in confidence that the heavy emphasis on city planning efforts in the USSR is on decentralization, and that a sense of urgency seems to accompany this policy.
- He noted that the USSR is looking to the creation of satellite industrial communities with low cost housing to accommodate around six thousand inhabitants clustered about a factory and supermarket type shopping center.
- He also said the Soviets are industriously at work planning a network of super highways to all parts of the Soviet Union.

Additional Comments: V. I. Kopyrin, a Soviet architect arrived at the US for a four-month visit under the provisions of the Exchange Agreement.

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